



# 2008 Focus Group Resolutions

## Aerial Survey 2008 Resolutions

## Aerial Survey / Disturbance Tracking

### Resolution #1

Whereas, it has been 10 years since the National Reporting Standards for Aerial Survey have been established,

Be it resolved, that we review and update the National Standards.

Recommendation to FHM MT: to assign a group including FHTET, GIS, and ADS representatives to review and update the National Standards.

## Aerial Survey 2008 Resolutions

**Aerial Survey / Disturbance Tracking****Resolution #2**

**Whereas, current National PTIPS list is conducive to error and confusion, ADS & specialists shall work together to update PTIPS list/rename damage agent list and codes to better address biological complexes (list needs maintenance).**

**Recommendation to FHM MT: assign a group including Entomologists and Pathologists to complete this work.**

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### Resolution #3

**Whereas, it is acknowledged that current ground check guidelines meet intent of honing ADS observer skills, the guidelines shall be made available to all regions and states (it is recognized other ground check methods are beneficial).**

[www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/aviation/pdfs/ADS\\_grdchk\\_guide\\_formV2.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/aviation/pdfs/ADS_grdchk_guide_formV2.pdf)

# Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group

REZ1

**The FHM program reaffirms the importance of lichens and other FIA Phase 3 (P3) indicators to monitor the effects of forest stressors, including climate change. FHM and FIA as partners re-emphasize the need to continue collecting data associated with P3 indicators.**

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REZ2

**The FHM Management Team (MT) should commission report(s) that demonstrate the statistical power of FIA P3 indicators to detect change (and to the extent possible, the effects of climate change). Protocols for organizing such analyses might be similar to the process used to produce the Quality Assurance analyses of P3 indicators.**

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## REZ3

**The FHM MT should commission an assessment of the risk of climate change and related susceptibility to genetic degradation, extirpation, or extinction of North American tree species. This should include recommendations about which trees to monitor and how to monitor them.**

# **Climate Change and Forest Health Focus Group**

**REZ4**

**The FHM Program should identify information gaps and locate historical data sets and metadata relevant to climate change and forest health in order to develop a strategy to preserve these data and make them accessible.**

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REZ5

The FHM MT should actively solicit climate change Evaluation Monitoring (EM) proposals to help fill in gaps identified in EM synthesis (e.g., zero growth isoclines).

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REZ6

**The FHM Program should review and modify the 2004 FHM Analysis and Reporting Plan to add a Communication Plan that:**

- 1) conveys the results of FHM analyses, emphasizing how they relate to socially relevant issues such as climate change;**
- 2) promotes FHM as a major player regarding the effects of climate change on forests;**
- 3) and encourages international cooperation with our partners in Canada and Mexico to expand climate-related risk assessments and forest health analyses to include the entire North American continent.**

## Ground Surveys 2008 Resolutions

## Ground Survey Focus Group

### RESOLUTION #1

Whereas, an operational Pest Event Database (PED) was recently disseminated by FHP for pest condition reporting of 2007 data, there is need to seek input from internal/external partners on how to improve PED to better document pest events.

Be it resolved, during 2008 the FHM management team form a subcommittee to solicit input and suggest improvements for entry of the 2009 data.

## Ground Surveys 2008: Resolutions

## Ground Survey Focus Group

### Resolution #2

**Whereas, responses from the ground survey questionnaire suggest opportunities to expand use of ground survey data in national reporting**

**Be it resolved, during 2008 the FHM management team form a sub-committee to identify commonalities among those ground surveys with protocols that can easily be incorporated into national reports and maps.**